Bridge at Samburvadakara.

37. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) how long the inhabitants of Samburvadakara have been agitating for a bridge over the river separating the two parts of the village;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware of the serious difficulties experienced by the agriculturists in the matter of the movement of cattle and in carrying on agricultural operations, during floods; and

(*c*) whether the Dewan, Mr. Austin, promised to provide for the construction of a bridge, during his visit to the village?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (*a*) Petitions have been received since 1914.

(*b*) Government are aware that there is some inconvenience owing to the absence of a bridge.

(*c*) Mr. Austin, late Dewan, visited the place on 11-7-1932 and suggested the construction of a foot-bridge across the river.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*c*), may I know, Sir, to whom the Dewan made the suggestion referred to there?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Sir, I must ask for notice.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, whether any action was taken in pursuance of that suggestion?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Yes.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir, the nature of the action taken?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): The Divisional Officer submitted an estimate for a road bridge, but it was considered that a foot-bridge would serve the purpose.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know, Sir when that estimate was submitted?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): I think it was in 1934.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know the estimated cost?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): Rs.7,050.

The Kalampukattu Todu.

38. *MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any representations for getting the Kalampukattu *todu*, in Kallara, Vaikam improved; and

(*b*) if so, the date of receipt of the same and the action taker thereon?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was received on the 13th November 1935. The Chief Engineer has since sanctioned an estimate for the work; and it will be taken up for execution in due course.

The Chittar Road.

39. ✻ **MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) how long it is since the portion of the Chittar road from Vamanapuram to Pangodu was completed :

(*b*) how many miles have been completed ;

(*c*) whether the completed portion is perfectly in good order and condition ;

(*d*) how many miles more remain to be completed ;

(*e*) whether memorials have been submitted by the public to the Government as well as the Chief Engineer, P. W. D., pointing out the urgent necessity of completing the incomplete portion of the above road ;

(*f*) what action has been taken upon the memorials ;

(*g*) whether an estimate has already been prepared and submitted to the Government for the completion of the work ; and

(*h*) whether the Government have accorded administrative sanction to the estimate ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : (*a*) 3 years.

(*b*) 7 miles.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) $6\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) & (*g*) An estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's Office.

(*h*) This does not arise.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there was any estimate at the time the work of the Chittar road referred to in the answer to part (*a*) was begun ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : The work was done with an estimate.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : Then may I know why the answer to (*f*) and (*g*) is that an estimate is under preparation in the Chief Engineer's office ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer Roads,, Buildings, and Irrigation*) : That is for the remaining length.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know whether there is an estimate for the whole of the work ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*) : There was an estimate only for a portion of the work.

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